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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Re: Ex Parte Notice
ET Docket 03-65; MM Docket 00-39
Pappas Telecasting Companies

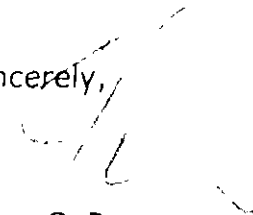
Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(a)(2) of the Commission's rules, this is to notify the Commission of an ex parte presentation made to the Commission's staff in the above referenced proceedings.

Specifically, on October 21, 2003, Peter C. Pappas, Executive Vice President for Government & Regulatory Affairs for Pappas Telecasting Companies ("Pappas"), LeBon G. Abercrombie, Senior Executive Vice President of Pappas, and Dale Kelly, Pappas's Senior Engineer, met with Rick C. Chessen, Associate Bureau Chief of the Media Bureau, and Thomas Horan, Senior Legal Advisor of the Media Bureau. The parties discussed Pappas' Comments in the above-referenced proceedings, Pappas' concerns about the current performance deficits of existing over-the-air digital tuners, and its support for the adoption of minimum performance standards for digital television receivers.

If questions arise regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,


Peter C. Pappas
Executive Vice President

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